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(05.07): DEATH OF SOVIET WORKING-GROUP CO-CHAIRMAN

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1. AS INITIAL RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S 10 MARCH REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF STATUS ON VISIT OF SUBJECT SOVDEL, ISHCENKO SAID THAT SOVIET WORKING-GROUP CO-CHAIRMAN NIKOLAYEV DIED LATE LAST WEEK. ISHCENKO, WHO DOES NOT KNOW KOSTIKOV, SAID THAT HE WILL TRY TO DETERMINE STATUS FOR VISIT (AS REF B NOTED, NIKOLAYEV WAS NOT GOING TO ATTEND) AND ADVISE.

2. IN VIEW OF DEATH OF NIKOLAYEV, IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SOVDEL VISIT WILL OCCUR 29 MARCH. REDDING OR RAMUNDO MAY WISH TO SEND CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO SOVIETS.

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